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## BANDITS KILL PAYMASTER; STEAL \$20,000

### CONVICTED BY JURY OF MURDERING HIS WIFE

NEW YORK, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Abraham Becker, was declared guilty of first degree murder in a verdict returned early today by a jury in the Bronx county court. The penalty for the crime in New York state is electrocution. Sentence will be pronounced Tuesday. He was convicted of killing his wife, Jennie, last April, by striking her over the head with an iron bar and burying her in an ash pit. Months later, when neighbors became suspicious and Becker had been arrested, her line encased body was found in the ash pit in the lot adjacent to Reuben Norkin's garage.

Norkin also was indicted for murder in connection with Mrs. Becker's death, and is awaiting trial.

Becker reported to the police in April that his wife had left him and their children and asked aid in locating her. There were rumors of foul play, and when some time later, he placed the children in charitable institutions, and went to live with Miss Anna Elias, police investigated and arrested both Becker and Norkin. The latter, police declared, made a statement charging Becker with the killing. Norkin stood watch while Becker buried his wife, still moaning the alleged confession stated. Becker denied that the body found in the pit was that of his wife, but neighbors identified her clothing. The jury deliberated an hour and 10 minutes after getting the case early today.

### Griswold Choice For Speakership

COLUMBUS, O., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Representative H. H. Griswold, of Geauga county, described by his friends as a "middle of the roader" as regards city and rural leaning and taxation was singled out today as the favorite in the race for the speakership of the Ohio house of representatives. Republican members of the lower house were expected to choose him as their leader at their caucus here today.

A. C. Robinson, of Lawrence county, Robert H. Dunn, of Wood; J. H. T. Gordon, of Logan, and H. C. Ramey, of Lucas, were other candidates for the position.

Three candidates has been attracted by the contest for speaker for term W. H. Albough, of Miami; Fouts, of Morgan and Justin Harding, of Warren, were in the field, but it was regarded as a possibility that either Robinson or Gordon might be chosen for the secondary position or that Dunn might change his mind and become a contestant.

### HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By J. P. Alley

FOLKS PAYS EV'Y-BODY  
ELSE EN DEN PAYS DE  
DOCTUH LAS, BUT DAT  
LOOKS ALL RIGHT---  
SOME DESE DOCTUH IN DE  
HABITS O' TAKIN' DE  
LAS' THING YOU GOT!



### Suspects Held For Mint Hold-up

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Discovery has been made here of one of the five dollar bills stolen by armed bandits in the raid of the United States Federal Reserve Bank truck at Denver last Monday, police officials declared. The bill was passed at a downtown restaurant last night it was declared.

SANTEE, N. F., Dec. 23.—Six men with heavy suit cases who arrived from Las Vegas in an automobile early this morning are in the county jail pending investigation in connection with the robbery of the United States Federal Reserve Bank truck at Denver. The United States marshal's office had received a tip from Las Vegas and Deputy Goutchey and Assistant Superintendent Dugan of the penitentiary after observing the suspects during breakfast in a restaurant, took them into custody.

### Holiday Buying Breaks All Records

NEW YORK, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Holiday buying in New York has broken all records and \$250,000,000 has been spent by shoppers here, it was estimated today in business quarters. This sum represents an increase of from 15 to 20 per cent over last year. Nearly every line of Christmas trade has reported an increase in sales and more persons than ever have been required to handle the business. In the 5,000 dry goods stores alone nearly 200,000 people have been employed.

### Fifteen Hurt In Train Crash

ROCKEY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—Fifteen passengers were injured early today when eight cars, including four sleepers and the engine of Atlantic Coast Line Railway train number 82, en route from Jacksonville to New York were derailed near Lucama.

Only two passengers were injured more than slightly. All the cars were steel.

### Defense Presents Testimony

MARION, ILL., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Edward Crenshaw, defense witness who related circumstances of the death of the first union miner, Jody Henderson today faced a continuation of cross examination by attorneys for the state prosecuting five men charged with murder during the Merriam riots.

On direct examination yesterday, Crenshaw testified he was in front of his home about a half mile from the men he saw Henderson fall after being struck by a bullet from the direction of the mine.

He said Henderson was unarmed. The defense called seven witnesses yesterday to support its previously announced contention that the slayings were justifiable homicide. It attempted to show that extreme provocation resulted from importation of armed guards and non-union miners during the coal strike. Witnesses also told of the shooting of three union miners at the mine on the afternoon of June 21.

### Mansion Destroyed By Fire; Heavy Loss

FRAMINGHAM, MASS., Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The mansion of Henry S. Dennison, a wolfebar director, in the post office department was burned early today, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. Mr. Dennison is in Washington in connection with his business. The cause of the fire is not known.

### 264 Prisoners Are Released

DUBLIN, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Two hundred and sixty-four Republicans, held prisoner in Mount Joy prison, were released today, having signed a declaration of allegiance to the Free State. Four of those released were women.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



### Ex-Kaiser Sells Wedding Pictures

DOORN, HOLLAND, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The former German emperor has sold to a London and New York company the world rights in which he describes as the first official photograph of his recent wedding. The price paid was \$10,000.

The picture shows the former Kaiser in the uniform of a field marshal, Princess Hermine is wearing the famous diadem, the wedding gift of her husband.

### Moreno To Marry Operator's Daughter

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—A rumor is current in motion picture and society circles, that Antonio Moreno, screen actor, and Mrs. Daisy Canfield Danziger, daughter of the late C. A. Canfield, wealthy oil operator, will be married the latter part of January, the Los Angeles Times announced today.

### Noozie



### No Edition Of The Times Monday

In observance of the spirit of Christmas, there will be no edition of The Times on Monday. The publishers and its employees, join in wishing the readers of The Times, "A Merry Christmas."

### No Cold Weather In Sight

WASHINGTON, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Santa Claus will ride into Northern States from Michigan to the Atlantic Coast on a fresh layer of snow if weather bureau predictions today of a snowfall within the next 24 hours in this area hold good.

New overcoats, sleds, skates and similar Christmas gifts will have to be held in store until the middle of next week, however, for according to the bureau there is "no cold weather" in sight after tomorrow until Wednesday.

Outside of the northern border states fair weather is promised throughout the country for tomorrow and Christmas Day.

The temperature will continue above normal the next two days.

### Many Arrests May Follow Receiving Of Bodies Of "Hooded-Band" Victims

MER ROUGE, LA., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Further attempts positively to identify the mutilated bodies of the two men cast up from Lake Lafourche yesterday by a heavy charge of dynamite, placed by unidentified persons, were made today. Relatives and friends expressed the belief that they were those of Watt Daniels and Lewis Richards, mysteriously missing since the night of August 24, when they were kidnapped by a band, together with three other prominent Mer Rouge citizens.

The partial identification of the bodies was through belts and a few shreds of clothing. The heads, arms and portions of the legs of both were missing, believed to have been torn off when they were loosened from the bed of the lake. The torsos were bound with heavy wire.

Company A, Louisiana National Guard, of Alexandria, and a machine gun company from New Orleans, ordered to proceed to Mer Rouge Parish were due to arrive here or at Bastrop early today.

Attorney General Cocco, who will take charge of any legal proceedings growing out of the kidnapping, accompanied the New Orleans militia-men.

It generally was believed arrests of at least twenty persons in Morehouse Parish and the Mer Rouge neighborhood, alleged members of the hooded band whose names are said to have been obtained by department of justice agents, would follow positive identification of the bodies as those of Daniels and Richards.

It was officially stated that no one officially connected with the search for the missing men was involved in the dynamiting of the lake.

Another attempt probably will be made today by a diver to locate the heads and other missing portions of the victims.

### Fund For Plane Service

NEW YORK, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—New Yorkers who spend their vacations at Newport have over-subscribed a fund for establishing an airplane service for week-end trips next summer. Vincent Aster and T. Sufferin Tailor, are in charge of the project.

Planes will leave New York Fridays and Saturdays and return Sundays and Mondays. The time of the trip one way will be an hour and a quarter. By train the trip takes six hours. Newport is 225 miles from New York by train.

### Plan To Unite Soviet Republics

MOSCOW, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Unification of all the soviet federated republics with the capital at Moscow is one of the principal questions on the agenda of the all-Russian congress which opened here today.

The proposal for unification originated in the Ukraine with a view to centralizing governmental affairs in Moscow which now controls the military, finance, railroad, food and foreign affairs while the republics govern in local matters only.

Among the delegates from all parts of the country are 120 from the far eastern republic. The congress will last about a week.

### DUPLICATE PAYROLL GIVES CHEER TO MINERS

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Ross Dennis, paymaster for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, was mortally wounded and \$20,000 stolen by masked bandits on a lonely road ten miles south of this city, today.

The robbers escaped, Dennis died while being taken to a hospital.

Dennis was riding on a motorcycle in front of an automobile which carried the Christmas pay roll for the Harrison mine at Beadling and was guarded by company clerks. As they drove through a hollow in the hills, two masked men stepped into the road, and without warning emptied their shot guns at Dennis, who was knocked off his machine.

The two bandits were quickly joined by four other masked men who opened fire on the automobile, damaging the steering gear.

They drove the clerks from the car and while one seized the money, the others were busy wrecking the mechanism of the car and the motorcycle. At that moment one of them noticed Dennis who was bleeding from the dozen bullet wounds, was trying to draw his pistol. The bandit ran to him, rolled him over and fired his shot gun into Dennis' back.

Almost immediately a big automobile came tearing down the road and stopping, picked up the bandits and the money and drove rapidly away.

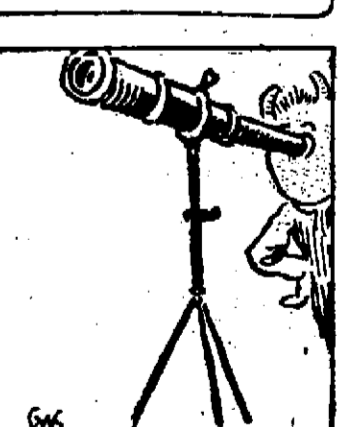
The sheriffs of Allegheny and Washington counties sent posses to the scene of the robbery, while Pittsburgh policemen were stationed on all roads leading into the city.

Immediately upon receipt of news of the holdup, clerks of the Pittsburgh Coal Company in the general offices here began making out a duplicate pay roll, in order that the 150 miners at Beadling might have their Christmas money. It will be taken to the mine under heavy guard this afternoon.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 23.—(By the United Press)—A lone bandit bound Harvey Wiseman in the I. R. Wiseman jewelry store today and escaped with \$10,000 worth of diamond rings, watches and some cash.

DETROIT, MICH., December 23.—(By the United Press)—Four bandits held up the pay roll car of the Brass Products Company and escaped with a sack containing \$1,000. The hold-up occurred in front of the factory, William H. Gehring, president, and A. H. Forest, treasurer of the company, were carrying the money.

### Billy Butt-In THE TIMES WEATHER MAN



Of course this isn't exactly the kind of weather most folks are in the habit of demanding for Christmas holidays, but it will have to do, so here's for a Merry Christmas to all. Here's your weather for tomorrow:

...OHIO—Generally fair (tonight and Sunday). Not much change in temperature. KENTUCKY—Fair tonight and Sunday. Mild temperature.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Ohio Valley—Generally fair except for rains or snows latter part. Normal temperature first half and colder second half.

Region Great Lakes—Considerable cloudiness. Temperature near or somewhat below normal. Occasional local snows.

The extremes in local temperature today were: High, 32; low, 30.

# Elks Distribute Baskets To Needy

## WOODMEN DISTRIBUTE BASKETS

Plans for distributing baskets of Christmas cheer among the needy were made last night at the weekly meeting of Portsmouth Camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

District Deputy William Struve, who has his headquarters in this city, was present and made a short and interesting talk. Five applications received recently were favorably balloted upon. The members reported that they were distributing baskets in various parts of the city.

A joint installation of officers will be held with Delta Camp, Neighbors of America, the second week in January.

## CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely extend to our many relatives, friends and neighbors our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and sympathy shown us in our hour of sorrow and bereavement in the loss of our dearly beloved husband, father and brother, Wm. P. Perry. Especially do we wish to thank the members of the Selby Shoe Co. and Knights of St. George for their untiring help in the funeral of the many beautiful floral offerings and spirituous bouquets and Rev. Father Tarkenton for his impressive services. From his loving loving wife, children, sister and brothers.

—Advertisement 23-11

# Court House

**Ordered Committee**  
Madeline Hahn, 10 years old, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Hahn, of New Boston, who was adjudged a delinquent and made a ward of the juvenile court in October, 1921, has been ordered committed to the Glens Industrial Home at Delaware by Judge Gilliland for violation of her probation. The girl was an inmate of a convent in Columbus for several months but since her return here last summer her conduct has not been of the best, it was disclosed at the hearing.

## Taken To Athens

Alva Brooks and Louise Williams, both of whom were adjudged insane at inquests held in probate court Friday and ordered committed to the Athens state hospital were taken to the institution Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Al. Richards.

## Get Christmas Paroles

George White of New Boston and Tom Jones of Bonser's Run, liquor offenders sent to jail for nonpayment of fines assessed against them, were made happy Saturday when the commissioners ordered them released from custody on parole under the usual condition of paying the delinquent fines in monthly installments. White was fined \$200 on Dec. 11 for furnishing liquor and Jones was penalized \$100 on Oct. 5 for possession of illicit liquor.

## Seek Transfer of Funds

Pursuant to a resolution recently adopted by county commissioners, Prosecutor Sheppard filed an application in Common Pleas court Saturday seeking authority to transfer funds.

It is sought to transfer these amounts: \$4,000 from County Home fund to Judicial fund; \$3,000 from Dog fund to Children's Home fund; \$2,000 from County fund to Judicial fund and \$800 from County fund to Mother's Pension fund. The petition represents that the money is not needed in the original funds and that the transfers are necessary to meet deficiencies in the funds indicated.

## Wife Granted Divorce

Mabel Gambill, 1337 Robinson avenue, was granted a decree by Judge Thomas in Common Pleas court Saturday divorcing her from Cecil Gambill, shoemaker, after she testified that the husband had abandoned her less than a year after their marriage in September 1919, giving as his excuse for leaving her "that it was too expensive to keep a wife," she claimed. She further declared that Gambill failed to support her during the time she lived with him.

The decree was granted on the grounds of neglect and willful absence, besides, the wife was restored to her maiden name of Turner and the defendant was ordered to pay her the sum of \$15 a month as alimony. She was represented by Attorney B. F. Kuebler.

## New Commissioner Sworn In

Commissioner-elect John Bennett was sworn in Saturday morning at the Court House, Prosecutor-elect S. A. Skelton administering the oath after the new commissioner's bond had been approved. He will be inducted into office January 1, succeeding Jacob Kuebler on the board.

## Starrett Defendant In Two Suits

Lee J. Starrett, 3060 Walnut street, is made defendant in two suits filed in Common Pleas court Saturday, in which Everett Pistole, Sr., and his son, Everett Pistole, Jr., are demanding damages for personal injuries and damage to the horse and buggy. They sued through Attorney Sherrard M. Johnson.

## Suit In Partition

Suit to partition lands left of the estate of Emma Pyle, deceased, situated at Bonser's Run, was brought in Common Pleas court Saturday by Nathan Pyle, suing through Attorney S. A. Skelton, against Ivan Pyle, Grace Pyle and S. A. Stewart.

## Officials Entertained

The pleasant Main street home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor was the scene Thursday evening of an enjoyable affair when Mr. Taylor was host to a stag dinner for the official family at the Court House. Mr. Taylor is President of the Board of Trustees of Valley Township. The guests who partook of the homelike feast were: Roy H. Coburn, Harry B. Rind, Edward Cunningham, Arthur B. Harwood, of West Side; W. O. Slively, of the West Side; John R. Kline, Jos. H. Appel, of Lucasville, and the host, Austin Taylor. J. H. Appel, who is President of the Board of County Commissioners, served as toastmaster and each request for a toast was responded to nicely.

## In Cincinnati

Gilbert Bauer, who is employed in the laboratory of the Whitaker-Glessner plant will spend Christmas with home folks in Cincinnati.

## Train Delayed

CHARLESTON, W. VA., December 22.—(By the United Press).—C. & O. Train No. 3, due here at noon, was reported running six hours behind time. Local company officials were unable to confirm reports from Huntington that a wreck had caused the delay. Train No. 3 carries through cars from Washington to Cincinnati.

It arrives at South Portsmouth at 2:10 p. m. daily. There it was stated Saturday afternoon that the cause of the delay had not been learned.

# Plants Idle Till Wednesday

Portsmouth's three shoe factories closed down Saturday noon and will not resume until Wednesday morning, December 27, giving their employees an extra day off on Tuesday. One or two departments of the Selby plant will resume Tuesday morning but the majority of the employees will be off until Wednesday.

## HAD MOONSHINE; FINED \$100

Admitting guilt of possession of liquor unlawfully, Andrew Jackson, 28, was fined \$100 and costs by Judge McCall in Municipal court Saturday. A bottle of "moon" was found in

Jackson's pocket following his arrest Friday night by the police in the East End. His condition indicated that he had consumed considerable liquor.

## SEAL SALE DRIVE ON LAST LAP

Saturday was the last chance to buy Christmas seals and thousands of them were sold in the city, school children taking a prominent part in

the last minute drive. This was tag day and the committee in charge of the sales is confident that all children taking a prominent part in previous records will be broken.

# Huge Ford Plant To Be Built In Chicago

CHICAGO, December 22.—(By the United Press).—A huge plant that will give 16,000 more jobs to auto workers in Chicago is Henry Ford's Xmas gift to this city. Plans for a mammoth manufacturing and assembling which in time will rival the famous Detroit factory has been completed by Ford.

The project will cost \$9,000,000. This is the second step of Ford's new program of vast expansion. A plant was recently opened at New Orleans in connection with the scheme. There are reports of Ford agents inspecting St. Louis property with an eye to growth. Although Ford headquarters deny it, there is some talk of a subsidiary at St. Paul.

# Revolution Brewing In Greece, Report

MALTA, Dec. 22.—(By The Associated Press).—Information just received here from a reliable source in Athens is to the effect that trouble is brewing there with unmistakable signs of a big counter revolutionary movement.

The population of the Greek capital is said to be at a highly nervous pitch with many of the prominent participants in the late revolution leaving the country.

# Church Head Complains Because Hays Did Not Consult

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rev. Charles S. McFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, today made public a letter to Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture industry, calling for an explanation why he, as a member of Mr. Hays' committee on public relations, was not consulted about the reinstatement of Roscoe E. (Patty) Arbuckle, film comedian, who figured in the party that resulted in the death of Virginia Rappe, actress.

Mr. McFarland, as general secretary of the church federation, is a member of the executive committee of the committee on public relations, which Mr. Hays organized recently from various religious and civic organizations to aid him in putting the movies on a higher plane.

His letter besides raising the point of why he was not consulted, declared that "unfortunately the impression has gained ground that this is due to pressure of financial interests invested in Arbuckle pictures."

# California Oil Promoters Get Blanket Concession Of Rich Mexican Lands

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The Los Angeles Times today reported an announcement from the promoters that a group of Los Angeles manufacturers, bankers, and oil operators has obtained from the Mexican government "what amounts to a blanket concession on all government lands in the oil district of the east coast."

"It is by far the biggest oil transaction in Mexican history," the Times said, "and probably the most important deal of its kind in the world for it involves 11,000,000 acres of land and adjoining rich workings of the oldest established companies in the Tampico and Tuxpan districts."

It is announced the Los Angeles group will go into the Mexican oil district and operate according to the Mexican article 27 and under a federal concession on the same royalty basis which established companies have declared confiscatory. The concession, it is stated, permits them to drill on lands immediately adjoining the richest wells in Mexico.

# Military Train In Bad Wreck

VALENCIA, SPAIN, Dec. 22.—(A. P.).—Eleven members of the Viscaya regiment were killed, including the commander, Catalate, and more than ninety others injured when a military train out of control ran down a steep grade to a disastrous collision near Onteniente station, Valencia province, today.

# Jews To Hold Convention In Toledo

TOLEDO, O., December 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The annual three-day convention of the Jewish Religious Education Association of Ohio, will be held in Toledo beginning Monday, it was announced here today. The organization is composed of Sunday schools and other educational institutions throughout the state. More than 100 delegates are expected to attend.

Among the speakers are: Robert Louis Engelson, Jacob Kaplan, Abraham Cronbach and Harry Slowinsky, all of Cincinnati.

# Woman Beaten By Armed Bandit

CLEVELAND, O., December 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Miss Ida Keller, 48, was beaten unconscious today by an armed bandit who forced his way into her home here. When she told him she did not have any money in the house he struck her over the head several times with his revolver and escaped.

# Held For Violation Of Dry Regulations

CLEVELAND, O., December 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Fifteen persons from Lorain today entered pleas of not guilty when arraigned in United States federal court here, charged with violation of the federal prohibition laws.

# Salesman Home

R. L. Gilbert, a salesman for the Selby Shoe Company, is here to spend some time with his family, having completed his fall and winter trip in his territory.

# May Claim Second Victim

Fireman Asa Woods of the Y. M. C. A. who was caught in the serious C. and W. wreck at Mt. Oreb early Friday morning is in a dangerous condition at Hempstead hospital and but little hopes are held for his recovery, it was stated this afternoon. The injured man reached the hospital about 2:30 Friday afternoon and was given immediate attention by N. and W. Surgeon Dr. S. S. Halerman, who found that in addition to burned limbs he had suffered internal injuries about the abdomen. Woods was caught in the wreckage between the cab of the overturned engine and the tender and was held a prisoner under wreckage and coal for four hours. Yesterday at the scene of the wreck it was not thought that he was seriously injured, the burned limbs not being considered dangerous or fatal. His left leg was badly burned from the waist to the toes and his right leg was also badly burned.

His mother, Mrs. Fannie George of Rarden, his two daughters and his wife Mrs. Wamsley Woods were at his bedside this morning. His daughters make their home with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dalton of McDermott. Woods who is 25 years of age formerly lived at Rarden and is well known in Rarden and McDermott. The body of Orin Bailey, brakeman who was killed in the wreck, also arrived here yesterday afternoon and his funeral was held this afternoon at three o'clock from his home 2300 Walnut street East Portsmouth. The last rites were held from the home which he had known for only two days. Burial was in Greenlawn. Engineer O. W. Wallace was only slightly injured.

# Miss Likens Drops Dead

Miss Adelaide Likens of Buena Vista dropped dead at ten o'clock Saturday morning of heart trouble at the home of her nephew, John Perry, at Buena Vista. She had been alling for sometime, but her condition was not considered serious.

The deceased had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. John Perry since the death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Copas Likens, who passed away several years ago. The father, John Likens, died some years ago. He was a resident of Buena Vista for many years, the family being one of the best known in that section of the county.

# 52 Today

What is so rare as an April-like day inserted in the rag-end of December?

The temperature soared to 52 today, which of course is unusually warm for so late in December.

# Three Arrests

Three arrests were made Saturday by the police as follows: Charles Hanson of the West End charged with driving a machine while intoxicated, J. T. Borders of 1327 Twelfth street, driving a machine while intoxicated and H. M. Holbert, intoxication.

# Auto Hits Truck

A touring car was damaged and a truck of the Offner Street Produce company was damaged at noon Saturday when the touring car bumped into the rear of the truck, according to the driver, Tom Riggs. He says the driver of the other machine was racing south on Chillicothe street when the accident occurred.

# PLAN TAX ON OCCUPATIONS

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 22.—City officials and business interests considering means of overcoming Youngstown's \$700,000 deficit for 1923 have adopted an occupation tax as one means of raising money. The proposal was adopted at a meeting attended by members of the council's finance committee, representatives of the chamber of commerce and the retail merchants' association, and an ordinance will be laid before council at its next meeting. If litigation arises it is planned to carry the case to the highest court.

# Seeks Alimony

Delle E. Speck seeks alimony in her suit filed in Common Pleas court Saturday against Earnest E. Speck, X & W. employee whom she married in September 1920. Through Attorney Pearl V. Elchberger the wife charges Speck abandoned her in Pittsburg, on Oct. 23 last, and she secured a temporary injunction tying up the defendant's wages until the case can be heard on its merits.

# Families Driven Out By Flames

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 23.—Three families were driven from their homes in their night clothing and \$15,000 damage done when fire, starting from a leaking tank car filled with 25,000 gallons of gasoline destroyed four railroad cars, three sheds and partly destroyed three dwelling here today. The tank car caught fire, it is believed when the engine crew on a Terminal Railroad switch engine, dumped the fire in the engine and then pushed the leaking gasoline tank car over the burning coals. The flames quickly enveloped the gasoline car and spread to another tank car containing 25,000 gallons of oil, a box car containing 40 tons of hard coal and another filled with 10,000 feet of lumber. All of the cars and their contents were destroyed.

# FOUND IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

FAINESVILLE, O., December 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Claude Johnston, 18, was found today in his home near Richmond, Ohio, in a dying condition by Sheriff O. M. Spink, who stopped at Johnston's home to make inquiry regarding a road. Johnston told the sheriff that Thursday night he heard sounds in his barn yard and while investigating he stumbled and fell, causing his gun to accidentally discharge. He managed to get back to the house but was too weak to summon assistance. He was brought to the hospital here where his condition is said to be critical.

# Dividends Twice A Year

For many years, the Royal has been paying six per cent per annum payable twice a year on its stock accounts. A six per cent account can be opened at any time and you will receive earnings at the next dividend time. Come in now and open your account.

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With Theodore Roberts, George Fawcett, T. Roy Barnes, Harrison Ford, Fritz Ridgway

The best loved of all American plays, the greatest heart-picture ever made.

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"My Wild Irish Rose" stands out as Director David Smith's greatest achievement—and he has such great successes as "Black Beauty," "Flower of the North" and "The Little Minister" to his credit. In this, his latest production, he has managed to create the quaintest, most delightful, old-world atmosphere imaginable. The old Ireland of the first years of the nineteenth century has been brought back to life with all its charming picturesqueness. Above is shown one corner of the complete Irish village which was erected on the Vitagraph lot under Mr. Smith's supervision.

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The prayer of Mary Tilden, who has just found the son that she deserted twenty-five years ago.

A drama of dishes and discontent



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# GAS RATE SUSTAINED; DECISION RENDERED

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in a decision handed down Friday settled a dispute of long standing over the gas rate question in this city, finding in favor of the companies, Portsmouth Gas Company and The United Fuel Gas company, distributing and producing companies operating under franchises in Portsmouth, and against the city.

The ruling sustains the appeal of the companies from the action of city council in passing legislation two years ago establishing a rate of 30 cents net per 1,000 cubic feet for gas and the finding of the Commission fixes the rate at 40 cents net per 1,000 cubic feet, the present rate which has been charged since the appeal was taken.

This decision comes as a handsome Christmas present to the local distributing company as it would have been compelled to refund thousands of dollars collected from consumers at the higher rate during the past two years had the finding been for the city. At the same time the Commission was a poor Santa Claus to the gas consumers of Portsmouth, who had hoped to get back some of the over-charge but instead found a brick in their stockings.

The decision, which was concurred in by the entire commission which is composed of George T. Poor, Frank B. Mauller and Charles C. Marshall, fixes the rate during the lifetime of the franchises held by the companies.

The decision in the case of the Portsmouth Gas Co., against the city, follows in its entirety. The decision in the case of the United Fuel Co., against the city reads practically the same.

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

The Portsmouth Gas Company, Complainant,  
vs.  
No. 2213.  
The City of Portsmouth, Defendant.

This day, after full hearing, due notice of the time and place of which was given to all parties in interest, this matter came on for final consideration upon the complaint of and appeal by The Portsmouth Gas Company from the ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, on December 15, 1920, to regulate the price to be charged for natural gas in said city.

And the Commission, being fully advised in the premises, and having caused an appraisal to be made and having ascertained and being before determined and fixed the value of all of the property of said company actually used and useful for the convenience of the public in the furnishing of natural gas service for public and private use in said City of Portsmouth, Ohio, excluding therefrom the value of any franchise or right to own, operate or enjoy the same in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to any political subdivision of the state or county as a consideration for the grant of such franchise or right, and exclusive of any value added thereto by reason of a monopoly or merger, and having due regard for the necessity of making reservation from income for surplus, depreciation and contingencies, as provided by law, and having taken into consideration all other matters which were deemed proper, finds:

That for rate-making purposes before the reproductive and present values of the said property of said The Portsmouth Gas Company, as of January 15, 1921, so used and useful for the convenience of the public in the furnishing of natural gas service in the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, are, respectively, the sums of \$582,988.40 and \$397,502.70;

That the appellant produces no gas and is purchasing such gas as it distributes at a price of thirty cents per 1,000 cubic feet;

That in the fiscal year July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922, the appellant so purchased 1,127,020,000 cubic feet of natural gas at said price aforesaid and billed its customers, from the readings of the individual meters, for a total of 1,058,440,000 cubic feet.

disclosing a not unreasonable nor excessive amount of unaccounted for gas;

That the appellant's operating expenses for said period, amounted to the sum of \$374,448.11, such expenses being the cost of such purchased gas ..... \$333,100.00  
Plus—  
Distribution expenses ..... 5,500.14  
Commercial expenses ..... 11,032.04  
New business expenses ..... 180.35  
General and miscellaneous ..... 19,328.87  
Uncollectable bills ..... 188.51  
\$374,448.11

That a reasonable annual charge for depreciation upon appellant's said property is three percentum of the said present value thereof, or the sum of \$11,925.05;

That the state, county and municipal taxes levied upon the appellant by reason of its possession of said property and the furnishing of its said service in said City of Portsmouth, Ohio, should amount to the sum of \$11,000.00 per year;

That the total cost of the furnishing of said service in the said City of Portsmouth, Ohio, during said period aforesaid, is the sum of \$397,502.70;

That, in said period aforesaid, the appellant actually collected in connection with the furnishing of its said service in said city minimum charges ..... \$ 931.90  
Forfeited discounts ..... 1,800.30  
And, if it had billed said 1,058,440,000 cubic feet of natural gas at the rate prescribed in said ordinance, viz.: 30c per 1,000 cubic feet, its collections therefor would have been ..... \$17,533.20

Or a total revenue of ..... \$320,268.10  
A sum insufficient to cover the aforesaid actual cost of such service; and

That, therefore, the rate, and charge, to-wit: Thirty cents per 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas, net, fixed and prescribed by said ordinance, is unjust and unreasonable, being in excess of the reasonable value of the service furnished, and that just and reasonable rates and charges should be substituted therefor.

And the appellant herein, being willing to accept as a reasonable compensation for the furnishing of natural gas service in said City of Portsmouth, Ohio, the rates and charges which it has been collecting, during the pendency of this proceeding, by virtue of its election and its undertaking duly filed herein, to-wit: Per 1,000 cubic feet, per month, Gross, 45c. Net 40c.

Minimum charge, per month 40c.  
The Commission further finds:

That the rates and charges following, to-wit:  
Per 1,000 cubic feet, per month, gross, 45c. Net 40c.  
Minimum charge, per month 40c.  
are just and reasonable rates and charges for the services furnished and supplied by said appellant in said City, and

That the gross and net revenues derived by said The Portsmouth Gas Company, and reasonable, will be sufficient to yield said The Portsmouth Gas Company a reasonable compensation for such service.

It is, therefore,  
Ordered, That the rates, prices and charges hereinbefore found and determined by this Commission to be

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And the Commission having made inquiry and investigation with respect to the ability of said The Portsmouth Gas Company to furnish natural gas for public and private use in the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, during the period fixed by said ordinance, and having found that said The Portsmouth Gas Company is and will be able to furnish its said product in said City during said period, it is, therefore, further

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO.  
GEORGE T. POOR, Chairman,  
FRANK B. MAULLER,  
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[SEAL]  
Dated at Columbus, Ohio,  
This twenty-first day of December, 1922.  
A true copy:  
J. E. BAIRD, Acting Secretary.

Mr. Kinsey Will  
Address Scouts

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## Rents Room, Then Leaves With All Kinds Apparel

The police are hot on the trail of a young man described as from 18 to 20 years old and small in stature, who has, according to complaints, received, stolen and made away with goods wearing apparel, valued at more than \$200 from three places in this city, where he had rented rooms within the last week or two.

According to the police investigation the game of the fellow is to pose as a working man employed at night when renting a room and then await an opportunity to ransack the house and decamp with wearing apparel which he finds to his liking. The reports indicate that the fellow shifts about, not confining his operations to any one section of the city as he was first at a place in the East End, then he showed up at a house near Seventh and Findlay and later on Second street and in each instance pilfered suits of clothes, shirts, ties, collars,

socks and apparel belonging to other roomers.

The public is requested to watch for this individual and to notify the police should his presence in the city be discovered.

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Very wide sleeves of transparent materials, gathered into a close cuff at the wrist are featured on many of the new frocks. They have a dignity as well as beauty, and are very flattering to arms that find the sleeves frock trying.

Major Visits City  
Mayor Scott, of Hadden, was in the city on business Friday.

## Plan To Serve A Chicken Dinner

The Ladies Aid Society of the Pleasant Green Baptist church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Oliver Berkley 1234 Thirteenth street. During the business session plans were made for a chicken dinner to be served next Thursday, December 28th at the home of Mrs. Frank Parker 1310 Waller street, beginning at 11:30 o'clock. During the social hour which followed, a passing party was enjoyed and later delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held on January 12th at the home of Mrs. Muttie Robinson of Thirteenth street.

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## Tenth Lecture

F. B. Ellis of Cincinnati will deliver the tenth lecture of the series of thirteen Bible lectures being held in the Public Library Auditorium. "The World's Judgment Day At Hand" will be his subject at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

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## Old Home Razed

PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 22.—Work was started this week wrecking the Pearson house on the corner of Sixth and Park avenue, which was damaged by fire some time ago. This property was built by George T. Scott, a wealthy iron man, and later occupied by W. S. Whitman, who was one of the wealthy men of the city some thirty years ago. The property was purchased some twenty years ago by the Pearsons, wealthy lumber manufacturers, and until the fire was occupied by Mrs. Howard Norton, John list, the most recent owner, has turned it over to the Kent Realty Co., who are selling this valuable corner off in lots. Two of the lots were sold yesterday to Messrs. Joe Klein and J. C. Haley, who expect to erect homes there in the early spring.

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## RIVER NEWS

The Ohio river registered a stage of 12.0 feet and falling in the Portsmouth district Saturday.

The Str. General Woods passed down at 10 a. m. bound for Cincinnati after being delayed for more than 24 hours at Pt. Pleasant while undergoing repairs.

To Hold Military Ball  
Peerless Camp, United Spanish American War Veterans held a splendid meeting last evening with thirty members present. After the business session a passing party was held. The veterans last night decided to hold a military ball in Baesman's Dancing Academy on January 24.

## Columbia ALL NEXT WEEK



"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

Theodore Roberts,  
George Fawcett,  
T. Roy Barnes,  
Harrison Ford,  
Fritz Ridgway

The best loved of all American plays, the greatest heart-picture ever made.

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## PLUM PUDDING

Quart bricks of French Vanilla ice cream filled with chopped nuts, raisins, dates and fruits. Per quart 75c

## Christmas Special

Quart bricks of three layers, pink, green and white, French salad mint pineapple and French vanilla ice cream. Very dainty and delicious, 75c per quart

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An assortment of colors and flavors with bell shaped centers, very appropriate for Xmas. Per quart 75c

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### Lest We Forget—

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them: 'Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly praising God, and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

## How Long Can You Remember Good News?

Andersons' Annual Year-End Sale Begins Next Tuesday at 1 O'clock

As has been our custom for years, the time between Christmas and New Years is again to be devoted to a gigantic disposal of merchandise at handsome price reductions. Surplus stocks sacrificed to make inventory easier and more satisfactory.

Store Closed Until Tuesday At 1 P. M.

The store will remain closed Tuesday (after Christmas) until one o'clock to give us time to get stocks in shape and to mark down prices. No price quotations are announced in this ad but those who come on faith will surely not be disappointed.

Practically every department throughout the store will participate in this bargain giving and those who come first will naturally have first choice of all specials.

Be At Anderson's At One O'clock Tuesday When The Store Opens On Our Annual Year-End Sale

Christmas Money Will Find Few Better Investments Than This Sale Affords.

Don't let the intervening holidays cause you to forget this great sale for there will be no other announcements before the sale begins.

Turn Again To Frugality—This Sale Points the Way



Who Couldn't Remember An Event Like This Three Days Off

"Tis the season for the kindling of the fire of hospitality in the hall and the genial fire of charity in the heart."—Irving.

### Our Appreciations

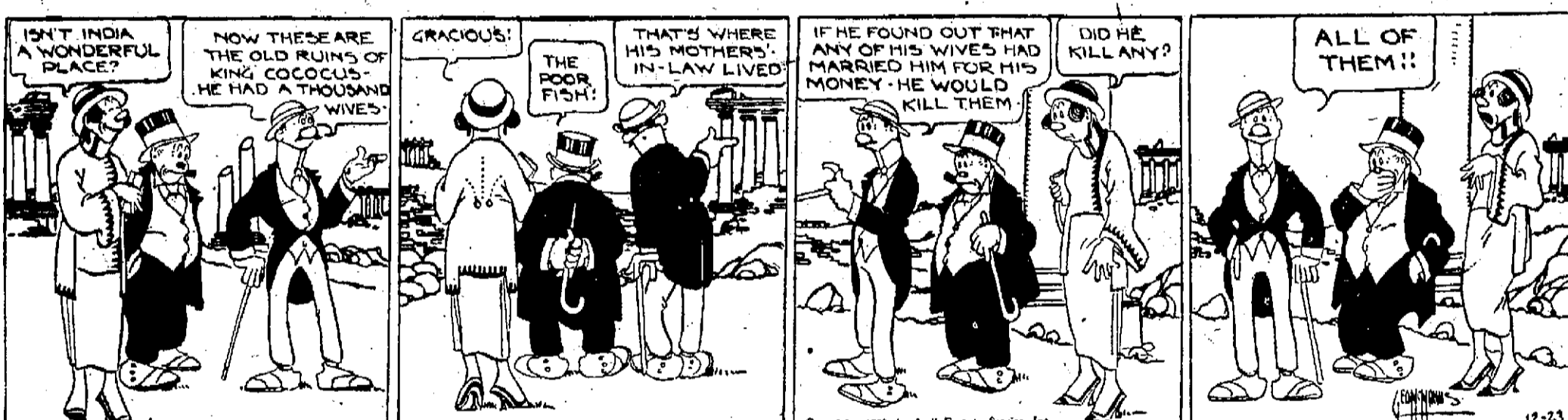
With the close of business this evening this store is assured the greatest December business in our history of nearly fifty years. We are appreciative of your patronage that has enabled us to make this record and assure you that the store service you have complimented by your patronage will never grow less.

WE EXTEND TO YOU THE SEASON'S GREETINGS, WISHING YOU THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER HAD.

### BRINGING UP FATHER

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BY McMANUS



Continued From Our Last Issue

He fought like the wolf that was his blood brother—lunging, striking down, recoiling out of harm's way, and springing forward to strike again.

The old exhilaration and rapture of battle flashed through him as he swung his axe, sending home blow after blow.

He danced about the shaggy, bleeding form of the bear, escaping the smashing blows of the bear with miraculous agility. But at last the grizzly lunged too far. Ben sprang aside, just in time. He aimed a terrific blow just at the base of the skull.

The silence descended quickly thereafter. The blow had gone straight home, and the last flicker of waning life fled. Ben stood waiting to see if another blow was needed. Then the axe fell from his hands.

For a moment he stood as if dazed, but soon he remembered Ferris and walked unsteadily to his side.

The wolf, however, was already recovering from the blow. He had been merely stunned. Once more Ben turned to the mouth of the cavern.

Sobbing and white as the moonlight itself, Beatrice met him at the doorway.

PART THREE  
The Taming  
CHAPTER XIII  
Ferris Is Beaten

BEN rose at daybreak, wonderfully refreshed by the night's sleep.

His first work was to remove the skin of last night's invader—the

huge grizzly that lay dead just outside the cavern opening.

The hour was already past ten; but Beatrice—worn out by the stress of the night before—did not waken until she heard the crack of her pistol. She lay a while, resting, watching through the cavern opening Ben's efforts to prepare breakfast.

Filling one of the two tin plates he stole into the cavern.

Falling into his mood the girl pretended to be asleep.

"Wake up, Beatrice," he commanded, with pretended gruffness. "It's after ten, and you've got to cook my breakfast."

She stirred, pretending difficulty in opening her eyes.

She opened her eyes to find him regarding her with hostile glances. Then—as a surprise—he proffered the filled plate.

The days passed quickly for Ben and Beatrice. They found plenty of work and even of play to pass the time.

With his axe and hunting knife Ben prepared a complete set of furniture for their little abode. And for more than a week, Beatrice was too busy to enter a certain covert lest she should prematurely discover an even greater wonder than Ben was preparing for a surprise.

But one morning she missed the familiar sounds of his fire-building. Presently she heard him muttering and grunting as he moved some heavy object to the door of the cave. She hurried into her outer garments, and in a moment appeared. It was a hammock, suspended on a

stout frame, to take the place of her tree-bough bed on the cave floor. He had used the grizzly skin, hanging it with unbreakable sinew, and fashioning it in such a manner that folds of the hide could be turned over her on cold nights.

Reading the gratitude in her eyes, Ben's lips broke into a radiant smile. "I guess you've forgotten what day it is," he said.

"Of course, I hardly know the month."

"I've notched each day, you know. And maybe you've forgotten—on the ridge out from Snowy Gulch—we talked of birthdays. Today is yours."

He walked toward her, and her eyes could not leave his. He bent soberly, and brushed her lips with his own.

Lately Ferris had taken to wandering into the forest at night, and once his throat and jaws had been stained with dark blood.

"It's getting too tame for you here, old boy, isn't it?" Ben said to him one lushed, breathless night. "But wait just a little while more. It won't be tame then."

It was true; the hunting party, if they had started at once, must be nearing their death valley by now.

Matters reached a crisis between Ferris and himself one still, warm night in late July.

"Go ahead if you like," Ben told him. "God knows it's your destiny."

The wolf seemed to understand. With a glad bark he sped away and almost instantly vanished into the gloom.

But Ferris had not broken all ties with the cave. The chain was too strong for that. Ferris had joined his fellows, to be sure; but he still kept watch over the cave.

CHAPTER XIV  
The Poison Plot

BEATRICE had kept only an approximate track of the days; yet she knew that an attempt to rescue her must be almost at hand.

The wolf had gone now to join his fellows. She was not aware of his

almost nightly return. Perhaps the fact of his absence gave her an opportunity to save her father from Ben's ambush.

The thought was with her, and she was desperate one long, warm afternoon as she searched for roots and berries in the forest. And all at once her hand reached toward a little vine of black berries, each with a green tuft at the end.

As if by instinct, hardly aware of the motion, she withdrew her hand. She knew this vine. It was the deadly nightshade, and a handful of the berries spelt death. She started to look elsewhere.

But presently she paused, arrested by an idea so engrossing and yet so terrible that her heart seemed to pause in her breast.

Her father's life was in imminent danger. Another day might find him stretched lifeless before her. Ben had not hesitated to use every weapon in his power; she should not hesitate now.

Eagerly her fingers plucked the black berries.

In one of the tin cups Beatrice pressed the juice from the nightshade, obtaining perhaps a tablespoonful of black liquor. To this she added considerable sugar.

Then she concealed the cup in a cluster of vines, ready for the moment of need.

Then she hastened up the ridge to meet Ben on his way to the cave.

She waited a few minutes, then spying his stalwart form at the edge of the beaver meadow, she tripped down to meet him.

She walked to the door of the cave, procuring a handful of dried red-root leaves that she used for tea. Through the cavern opening he saw her drop them into the bucket that served as their toilet.

Then she came back for the filled cloth bag that contained the last of their sugar. She began to eat his steak.

All that he had told her concerning his war with her father recurred to her in one vivid flash. Could it

have been that he had told the truth—that her father and his followers had been the attackers in the beginning?

"BEN—BEN—DON'T DRINK IT!" SHE CRIED. "GOD HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL!"

But even as these thoughts came to her, she walked boldly to the fire and cuppled the contents of the cup into the boiling water in the teapot.

Then she took the pot off the fire and poured the hot contents into the cup that had just held the poison. She brought it, steaming to Ben's side.

"It's pretty strong, I'm afraid," she told him. "The leaves weren't very good, and I boiled them too long. 'I'm afraid you'll find it bitter.'"

"I'll drink it, if it's bitter as gall," he assured her.

His hand reached and seized the handle of the cup.

Then she seemed to writhe as in a convulsion. Her voice rose in a piercing scream. "Ben—Ben—don't drink it!" she cried. "God have

mercy on my soul!"

She reached and knocked the cup from his hand; and its black contents, like dark blood, stained the sandy floor of the cavern.

"Never mind, Beatrice," the man was saying, his deep, rough voice gentle as a woman's. "Don't cry—just forget all about it. Let's go over to your hammock and rest awhile."

"But you don't understand—you don't know what I tried to do—"

His rugged face lightened as he smiled, kindly and tolerantly. But her solemn voice arrested him.

"Wait, Ben. I want you to know—so you won't trust me again. The cup—was poisoned."

The man looked at her, in infinite compassion, then came and sat beside her in the hammock. Rather quietly he took one of her hands. Then he pressed it to his lips.

"You'd kiss my hand—after what I did?"

"After what you didn't do," he corrected.

They would need fuel in plenty to keep the fire bright tonight. Evidently rain was impending—one of those cold, steady downpours that are disliked so cordially.

He went a full two hundred yards before he found a tree to his liking. It was a tough spruce of medium height and just at the edge of the stream. He laid his rifle down, leaning it against a fallen log; then began his work.

His blows struck true from habit. Now the tree was half-severed; it was time to cut on the opposite side. Suddenly his axe crashed into yielding, rotten wood.

Half of the tree had been rotten, changing the direction of its fall and crushing it down before its life.

Ben leaped for his life, instinctively aiming for the shelter of the log against which he had inclined his rifle; but the blow came too soon. Ben's rifle, catching the full might of the blow, was broken like a match. Ben himself was crushed to earth as beneath a meteor. The

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rain clouds deepened and spread above his motionless form.

Beatrice's dreams were troubled after Ben's departure into the forest. She opened her eyes; the cavern was deep with shadow.

She wondered why Ben did not come into the cave. Was he embittered against her, after all?

Her uneasiness was swiftly developing into panic.

(Continued in Our Next Issue)

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# BURNS FATAL TO MISS LINNIE JONES

## Regrettable Accident Occurred In Oak Hill; The Victim Was Employee In A Local Hotel

Miss Linnie Jones, employee of the Washington hotel, at the home of her father, Morris Jones, near Oak Hill, at four o'clock Friday afternoon, resulted in her death at Holzer hospital, Gallia, about four hours later, or a half hour after she arrived at the hospital. She was badly burned all over her body, her clothing being burned off before anyone reached her side to help her.

Miss Jones went to Oak Hill recently when her brother, John Jones, suffered a badly injured arm, in a brick plant. Late yesterday afternoon she started to polish the kitchen stove at her father's home. She was using stove polish which had been thinned with benzine and the stove was not enough to cause the polish to ignite, the blaze that resulted setting fire to her clothing.

Her screams brought her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Jones, who was in another part of the house. She had a baby in her arms and could not rush to her sister-in-law's aid at once. By the time she placed the baby in another room and hastened back to the kitchen, a neighbor had rushed in to investigate the cause of the screams and he was smothering the burning clothing by wrapping rugs about the woman.

Dr. D. E. Fowler was called and he at once realized the woman was dangerously burned and ordered her removed to Holzer hospital for treatment.

Miss Jones was conscious until after she was placed in the ambulance. A half hour after arriving at the hospital she passed away. Death coming to her in a room near where her brother John is a patient. He underwent an operation yesterday for the removal of the arm that was badly crushed recently. He has not been informed of his sister's death and will not be told the sad news for several days. His condition is very good and it is feared that the news of his sister's death might cause a serious change in his condition.

Miss Jones came to Portsmouth about five years ago. She worked as domestic at the Albert Pressler home for about four years and had worked at the hotel over a year. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Foster of this city are friends of the young woman and they learned of the fatal accident soon after it happened.

Miss Jones' mother is dead. She is survived by her father, three brothers, David M. of Springfield; Robert M. and John of Oak Hill; and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lambert of Scioto Furnace; Mrs. Winnie McDaniels, of Oak Hill, and Miss Jane Jones of Cincinnati.

She was a niece of Rev. Roland Jones, well known Welsh Presbyterian minister.

Her death has come as a severe shock to her many friends in Oak Hill, where she was widely known, and well liked.

Funeral services and burial are to be held Monday at Oak Hill.

Word has just been received of the death of Mrs. Pearl Armstrong in New Mexico. Death was due to tuberculosis. With her husband and children Mrs. Armstrong had just completed the trip to New Mexico in an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Dill, of Dayton, are spending the holidays here.

Miss Phyllis Rader, of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and Miss June Woods, of the University of Cincinnati, have returned home for the Xmas vacation.

Francis Andre, of Ohio University, is spending Xmas vacation at home.

### HAMDEN

(W. E. Stanton, Correspondent.)

HAMDEN, December 23.—Vinton County received \$13,000 from the State this week to help the school districts of Vinton county, as follows: Mendenham Village \$1520.00; McArthur Village, \$1340.48; Zaleski village, \$712.08; Wilkesville Village, \$889.25; Clinton township, \$1130.71; Eagle township, \$1105.68; Wilkesville township, \$2068.25; Swan township, \$846.56; Madison township, \$42.02; Vinton township, \$2000.25. Total for Vinton county is \$12,557.12. The next distribution will be made in February.

David W. Cox, retired Episcopal Minister, died Thursday after an attack of acute indigestion Wednesday evening. He had been making McArthur his home for several years.

### Marriage Licenses

Harley B. Welsh, Bay, Ohio, and Myrtle Graves, Bay, Ohio.

Raymond McKee, Dundas, Ohio, and Emma Boyer, Dundas, Ohio.

James E. Snok, Lancaster, Ohio, and Elizabeth Baker, McArthur, O.

## SCIOTOVILLE and WHEELERSBURG

### SCIOTOVILLE

A Christmas Cantata, entitled "Santa In Southland," will be presented this evening at 7:15 o'clock by the children of the M. E. Sunday school at the church. The admission is free and the public is cordially invited. All who attend are asked to come early so as to be sure of a seat.

The first scene is Aunt Mary's living room in the south. Ralph and Mary have planned to invite Billie, a little northern boy who can't see how Santa can visit the south where there is no snow. Anyhow he gets there.

Second Scene—Billie arrives from the north.

Third Scene—The stockings all hung up and the children getting ready for bed.

Fourth Scene—Santa and the coach. There will be special music throughout the evening's entertainment.

An interesting program will be rendered tomorrow evening at the Berean Baptist Church. The public is invited.

The Christian Church will give their Christmas program at the church tomorrow evening.

The daughter born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pyles, of Bonser Run, has been named Grace Louise.

Miss Aveline Sherman, of Wait's Station, was the recent guest of relatives in Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Keller, of Columbus are week-end guests of friends here.

### WHEELERSBURG

The many friends of Mr. Clarence Rose, of Scioto Furnace and Miss Zelma Bar, will be pleased to learn of their marriage, which was solemnized yesterday morning by Rev. Samuel Lindenmeyer, pastor of the First Evangelical church. Miss Edith Eder, a sister of the bride, was the only attendant. The bridal couple left immediately after the wedding for a short trip, after which they will make their home in Scioto Furnace.

The Mizpah class of the M. E. Sunday school will hold an all day covered dish dinner Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the home of Mrs. Charles Fritz. All members are urged to be present.

An interesting program will be given tomorrow evening at the M. E. church by the young people of the Sunday school. The young folks will try their best to amuse all who come with an unique Christmas entertainment. The public is invited to come as soon as possible so as to get a seat.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program given last evening at the Baptist church.

Junior League next Sunday afternoon 1:30. Let every member be present with one or two new members each. Let's make this a regular rally. The meeting Sunday will be led by

The Pathian Sisters gave a Christmas party and oyster supper Tuesday night.

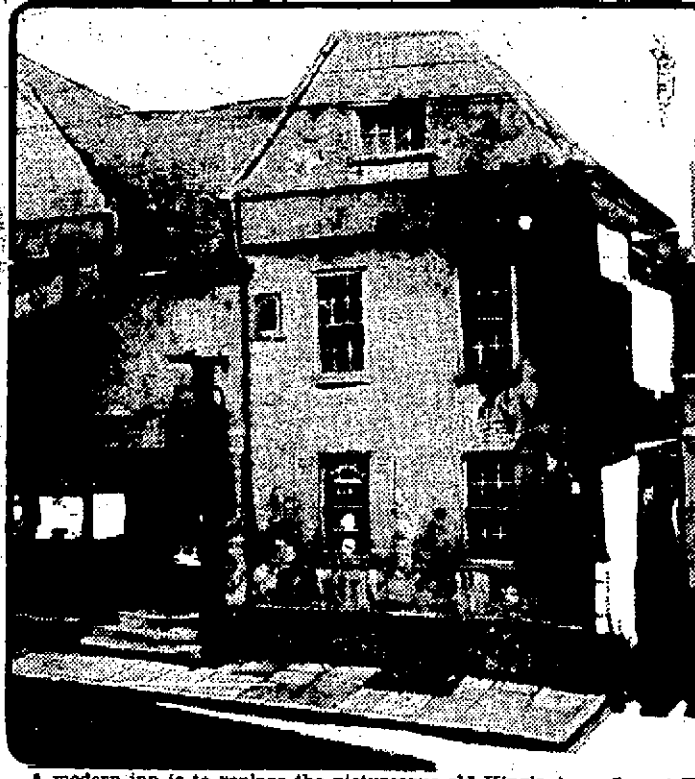
Red Hawk Tribe No. 50 met Tuesday night and greatly enjoyed the annual rabbit supper. On Wednesday evening a special meeting of the order was held to pass resolutions on the death of O. A. Balgert of Van Wert, Great Sachem-elect of the I. O. E. M. On January 2nd, Red Hawk Tribe will install the following officers, who have been elected for the year: Prophet, Thomas Markham; Sachem, Sam Hays, Jr.; Senior Sagamore, Orin Jenkins; Junior Sagamore, Charles Murray; Chief of Records, Edward Heibel; Keeper of Wampum, Emmor Hays. At the Great Council of Ohio to be held at Springfield next May, S. B. Hays was elected representative and Edward Heibel was elected alternate.

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## Bandit's "Hangout" to Go



A modern inn is to replace the picturesque old King's Arms Inn at E. tham, Eng., shown above, once the favorite hangout of Dick Turpin, England's most notorious highwayman. The place is said to be more than 700 years old.

## Market News

### Chicago Grain

#### And Provision

CHICAGO, With practically no cables from abroad due to the holiday and with little or no prospect of any export business in sight, the grain trade was mainly of a holiday character here. A private report from the United Kingdom took a bullish view of the situation there and said a good demand was in sight for North American wheat for December and January shipment.

This, however, had little effect on the market at the start here. There was some scattered profit taking of wheat in evidence during the early dealings but the trade was without a guide. Trade was not large, a majority of the traders looking out and waiting for the close.

The opening which varied from unchanged figures to 1/2 lower, with May 1.24 1/2 to 1.24 3/4 and July 1.13 1/2 to 1.13 3/4, was followed by further slight declines all around.

Subsequently the wheat market rallied on a report that Greece had bought 1,500,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat on overnight offers from the seaboard, but there was lack of aggressive buying and the market again eased off and closed dull, with values showing a net loss of 1/4 to 1 1/2 and with May 1.24 1/2 to 1.24 3/4 and July 1.13 1/2 to 1.13 3/4.

Prospects for large receipts Tuesday had some effect on the corn market today. After opening unchanged to 1/4 down with May 72 1/2 to 72 3/4, the corn market underwent a further setback.

The close was weak, the losses varying from a shade to 5/8 with May 71 1/2 to 72.

Oats started unchanged to 1/4 off with May 45 1/2 to 45 3/4 and after declining a little underwent a slight reaction.

Provisions were firmer in line with higher quotations on hogs.

### TOLEDO GRAIN

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—Wheat cash 1.39@1.40. Corn cash 81 1/2. Oats 50. Barley 74. Rye No. 2, 92. Clover seed prime cash and Dec. 13.50; March 13.70. Alsike prime cash and Dec. 10.95; March 11.20. Timothy prime cash old 3.55; new 3.50; March old 3.75; new 3.70.

Engene Allison, President of Epworth League, assisted by the Sup. of Junior League and Miss Norma Wheeler. All who are interested in the Xmas party to be held Monday (Xmas Day) must be at this meeting Sunday afternoon. Come we need you.

The Epworth League service has been changed to 6:15. The meeting for next Sunday promises to be a most interesting one. The subject being "Christmas Carols." Leader Eugene Allison. Special music and a good evening together. We cordially urge and invite all the young people of the village to come and join us. After the church services the members of Epworth League will sing Christmas Carols on the streets to the shut-ins.

CHICAGO GRAIN REVIEW  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Wheat: Dec. 1.25 1/2; May 1.24 1/2; July 1.13 1/2. Corn: Dec. 72 1/2; May 71 1/2; July 71 1/2. Oats: Dec. 43 1/2; May 40; July 42 1/2. Lard: Jan. 10.50; May 10.50. Ribs: Jan. 10.00; May 10.45.

CINCINNATI LIVESTOCK  
CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Hogs: Receipts 1,000; steady; to 20c higher; heavies 8.00@8.75; packers and butchers 8.75; medium 8.75@9.00; stags 4.00@5.25; heavy fat sows 6.00@7.25; light sippers 9.00; pigs 11.00 pounds and less 9.00.

Cattle: Receipts 225; steady; steers good to choice 7.00@9.00; fair to good 6.00@7.00; common to fair 4.00@6.00; heifers good to choice 7.00@9.00; fair to good 5.50@6.50; common to fair 3.00@5.50; cows good to choice 4.50@6.00; fair to good 3.50@4.50; cullers 2.50@3.50; calves good to choice 11.00@12.00; fair to good 8.00@11.00; common and large 4.00@7.00.

Sheep: Receipts 250; steady; good to choice 5.00@5.50; fair to good 3.00@5.00; common 1.00@2.00; bucks 3.00@3.50; lambs steady; good to choice 13.50@14.50; fair to good 11.50@12.50; seconds 10.00@11.00; common 5.00@7.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Hogs: Receipts 10,000; market active; 10c to 15c higher; bulk 150 to 250 pound averages 8.45@8.55; bulk packing sows 7.00@7.85; pigs mostly 8.00@8.50; few up to 8.40; estimated hold-over 3,000; heavy hogs 8.40@8.50; medium 8.40@8.55; light 8.40@8.50; light hogs 8.40@8.50; packing sows smooth 7.70@8.00; packing sows rough 7.40@7.75; killing pigs 8.00@8.40.

Cattle: Receipts 1,000; market compared with week ago beef steers unevenly 25c to \$1 higher; good grades reflecting most advance; extreme top matured steers 15.00; best long yearlings in head lots 11.00; few head prime yearlings 13.00; stockers and feeders 25 to 24 cents lower; better grades beef cows and heifers 50c to 75c lower; medium to good grade heifers showing most decline; lower grade butcher stock steady; canners and cutters 25 to 24 up strong; bulls strong to 15c higher; veal calves steady to strong; week bulk prices beef steers 7.75@8.25; stockers and feeders 4.75@4.75; beef cows and heifers 4.00@4.00; canners and cutters 2.50@3.00; veal calves 9.25@9.75.

Sheep: Receipts 3,000; market steady; compared with week ago: choice fat wooled lambs 10 to 15c lower; other grades unevenly lower; fed yearling wethers nominally steady; sheep steady to strong; feeders steady; week's extreme top fat lambs 15.40 to shippers; packer stock 15.30; freshly clipped lambs 12.75@12.90; heavy fat ewes 5.50@6.00; light weight up to 7.50; week's top feeding lambs 14.55; bulk 14.00@14.50.

EAST BUFFALO  
Farmer Co-operative Market  
EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 23.—Cattle: Receipts 3,000; calves, receipts 500; steady 3.00@4.50.

## Miss Bannon Takes Charge Of Lyric Monday

### A. I. U. Elects Officers

Officers for 1923 were nominated and elected at a splendid program of entertainment was enjoyed at the regular meeting of the American Insurance Union held Friday night in their hall Gallia and Gay streets, with a large number in attendance.

The election resulted as follows: President—Mose M. Vice-President—Mose M. Secretary—Clara Martin. Treasurer—Mary Martin. Marshal—May Atkinson. Custodian—John Martin. Argus—Mary Kimble.

Warden—Conrad Warner.

The new officers will be installed January 21st with past presidents, Clarence Corryell and Arthur Maule as the installing officers.

The program offered for the entertainment of the Juniors included a number of songs, recitations, dialogues and musical numbers by the young folks. At the close of the program Santa Claus (Hartzell Evans) appeared and distributed a treat to all Juniors. A surprise was then given the adults, the entertainment committee serving refreshments to all.

Miss Charlotte Bannon will on Monday take over the management of the Lyric theatre. A legion of friends are confident that under her capable direction this home of the silent drama will enjoy an era of real prosperity.

She has been familiarizing herself with the duties involved in her new position and promises to give Lyric patrons some genuine pictorial treats. She has already booked many of the very latest features in filmdom and will make an effort to offer a variety of features at her popular play house.

"I expect to see almost every feature before looking it and will review these pictures at the Film Exchange in Cincinnati. I am especially desirous of offering a variety of pictures and expect to book educational ones as well as those with a humorous appeal and those with a sentimental appeal," Miss Bannon told a Times man Saturday.

"The one thing that I am going to try to avoid is long, tiresome pictures with no particular appeal. Every day's program in the future will be full of interest and I feel sure that patronage will be commensurate with the excellence of the pictures."

### Globe Flyer



Sir Keith Smith, British aviator, above, was in San Francisco recently preparing for his flight around the world next spring. It will be the first around-the-globe flight ever attempted.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Jane Smith, aged sixty-six years, wife of John L. Smith, of Carey's Run, Washington township, passed away at her home yesterday morning after an illness of Bright's disease, following a period of long suffering with chronic rheumatism. Mrs. Smith was born in Gallia county, and had been a resident of Carey's Run for thirty years, moving there shortly after her marriage to Mr. Smith.

In addition to her grief stricken husband, Mrs. Smith leaves the following sons and daughters to mourn their loss: John, of Kansas City; Charles, of Circleville; Mrs. Sarah McGlothlin, Mrs. Joseph Montavon, Mrs. John Grumme, and Miss Ethel Smith, all of the West Side; and Mrs. Charles Grohman of 1128 Kinney's Lane.

Mrs. Smith was an excellent woman, and she also leaves a legion of friends who will learn with deep and lasting regret of her death.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at two-thirty o'clock from the home, with Rev. William Gleiser of the First Presbyterian church, in charge. Burial was made in Greenlawn.

Mrs. Essie Webb, wife of Foster Webb, died at her home, Frost, Ky., yesterday afternoon following a long illness with consumption.

She and Mr. Webb had been married about a year.

Mrs. Webb was 19 years of age, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Batteff, with whom she and her husband made their home. In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Webb leaves four sisters and two brothers.

Robert Everett Harr, son of the late Thomas and Nancy Harr of Pine Grove, Ky., died Dec. 20, 1922, at South Portsmouth. Mr. Harr was united in marriage to Artie Clangers Dec. 24, 1886 and to this union one daughter was born. She is Mrs. Arnold Wood of South Portsmouth, Ky., with whom Mr. and Mrs. Harr lived for the past few years. Mr. Harr spent most of his time on his farm where he was born and reared. The latter part of his life was spent in the lumber business. He was a man of splendid qualities, lovable, and one who always took the bright side of life. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Kribbles of Letitia, Ky., Mrs. Nora Applegate of Frost, Ky., and one brother Richard Harr, White Oak, Ky. Burial was Friday at St. Paul, Ky.

Alex McGraw  
Death about five o'clock Friday evening claimed Alex McGraw, a native of Scioto county who passed away at his home, 1225 Twelfth street, after a long illness. He had been ill about a year with complications and his condition had been serious for about four months.

McGraw was fifty-nine years of age. He was born on the West Side and spent most of his life there. Later he moved to Kentucky and after a short residence there returned to Portsmouth where he had made his home about fifteen years.

The surviving relatives are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Evans McGraw and the following children, Mrs. Mary Bloomfield of Ruggles, Ky., Mrs. Nicholas Green, Mrs. Cora Dehart, Mrs. Esther Patton, Mrs. Ollie Osborn, Wilbur McGraw and Robert McGraw of this city. He also leaves two brothers, Stephen and Buck McGraw of the West Side, in addition to a legion of friends who will be sorry to learn of his death.

Funeral services will be held at Friendship about one o'clock Sunday afternoon with burial in Friendship cemetery.

## Dry Agent



Miss Georgia Hopley of Bucyrus, O., claims to be the only woman prohibition agent in the United States.

## Black and White



You aren't up to snuff in dress if you don't wear a black collar and tie against a white shirt, as shown here. The lad started in New York with Earl Carroll, theatrical manager, and has spread through Broadway.

## Argue Over Strike Matters; Fullerton Man Dies From Blow On Head; No Arrest Made

Nathan King, well known citizen of Frost, or King's Addition, Ky., passed away early yesterday evening at his home there, death being due to a fractured skull, caused, it is alleged by a blow with the stock of a Winchester rifle, dealt, according to his son, Andrew King, by his son-in-law, John Eberly. The assault occurred about a week ago.

According to Andrew King, the exact cause of the trouble between Eberly and Nathan King is unknown. The rest of the family were away when the trouble occurred, it

is said. Eberly, however, has stated that he struck King in self defense. He says, according to one who attended King in his illness, that King drew a knife on him and threatened him. It was then that he struck King. Eberly claims.

No arrest has been made in the case. Deputy Sheriff J. R. Shepherd of Fullerton, told a Times man Saturday that there were no eye witnesses to the trouble and that no arrests would be made as Eberly evidently had acted in self defense.

"I investigated the trouble and learned last night that it resulted from a strike argument King and his son-in-law had.

Sheriff Callahan of Greengrass, said Saturday that he had not learned of King's death, but that he would investigate it thoroughly. "I have notified Deputy Sheriff Shepherd to question Eberly and investigate all phases of the assault," Sheriff Callahan said, Saturday.

Nathan King was 55 years of age. He was born and raised in the neighborhood of his home, and had spent

his entire life there. His widow and eight children survive. They are: Mrs. Myrtle Eberly, Mrs. Katherine Williams, Misses Freda, Gladys and Agnes King, and Andrew, Taylor and Homer King. In addition, eight grandchildren survive, besides a host of friends.

Mr. King was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Woodman of the World.

The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, with Rev. O. T. Smith officiating. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery.

## Columbia

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The last half of the week, Oliver Morosco's whirlwind honeymoon farce is to be played for the first time in this city. It's long and successful run at the Fulton theatre in New York attests its great popularity.

Both plays are big attractions and no doubt the Sun theatre will be taxed to capacity all week. Bargain matinees are given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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### Pen Prisoners Would Appreciate Books

Portsmouth citizens having discarded magazines and books could put them to a good use by sending them to Chaplain T. O. Reed of the Ohio penitentiary, where there are 2700 men, the majority of whom would be more than glad to have a book or magazine to read.

Reed, in his appeal, says that experience has shown that good reading matter is one of the strongest helpers in the campaign for developing better manhood in the men behind the bars. With the number increasing, Reed has found it next to impossible to supply the demand and is calling upon the citizens of the state to help supply the wants of the men in this line. The books will serve a splendid mission within the walls of the institution, where they will serve as the means of helping some unfortunate fellow to climb from the depths to the heights.

The books or magazines should be put in a box or barrel and sent by freight. Owing to limited funds Rev. Reed will not be able to pay express charges but will pay freight charges.

#### Twenty-four Years Ago

Rev. C. C. Thompson, South Portsmouth minister, sold his patent right for a wind mill, of which he was the inventor, to a Cincinnati firm for \$20,000.

John B. Kealey died at his home on Munn's Run. He was a native of Carter county, Ky., and was fifty-five years of age.

Colonel George Washington Banks, closed the doors of his saloon on Eleventh street for the last time. Banks started in the saloon business in this city in 1877 when he opened the saloon known as "The Black Crook" on Chillicothe street. After wards he ran places on Front street. The little back room of his Eleventh street emporium was the scene of many a gathering of local Republican politicians.

Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews went to Jackson to attend the wedding of a relative, Miss Bertha Holcomb, to Lloyd Jones.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us during the recent death of our husband and father and brother, Mr. Robert Everett Marr.

MRS. ROBERT EVERETT MARR.

#### Santa Claus Visits

#### United States Laundry

The United States Steam Laundry was the scene of a merry Christmas party last evening at which forty employees of the company were present assembled around a beautifully decorated tree. Each was presented with an appropriate and valuable gift and candy and fruits were distributed. In turn the employees presented Charles Krauser, business manager, with a box of fine cigars, and Don Jewell, foreman with a gold K. of C. ring. Speeches of gratitude were made and there was well wishing all around. Everyone departed in the highest of spirits.

#### To Enjoy Big Feed

Seneca Tribe of Red Men, at its meeting Friday night, completed plans for an entertainment and big feed at the next regular meeting next week. Red Men from Ironton and Huntington have been invited to the spread and many are expected to be present.

### Seth Guilty Of Assault

Pearl Beth was convicted of assault and battery upon L. R. Jenkins at a hearing in Municipal court Friday and Judge McCall passed him a fine of \$10 and costs.

The trouble which occurred at the fish cafe, Eleventh and Lawson streets, last Tuesday night was the outcome of some words between the men over the industrial situation. Jenkins claimed that he was attacked by the defendant because he admitted working at the N. and W. shops. He also claimed Seth applied a vile epithet to him but which the latter denied although he admitted striking Jenkins a couple of times.

### Issues Smallpox Warning

Dr. O. D. Tatje, Health Commissioner, last night issued a statement regarding the smallpox situation in Kentucky, at Fullerton, South Portsmouth, and other neighboring points along the river, in which he urged the Portsmouth people to be careful of their association with people from there who have that dread malady in their families.

"There has been much smallpox in South Portsmouth and Fullerton," he said, "and we have sent home several from factories in Portsmouth who were afflicted with the disease. All of these people were from Kentucky. We have also sent home Kentuckians who were working in Portsmouth and who lived in families where some one living in the same house had the disease."

"The quarantine laws have not been rigidly enforced," Dr. Tatje said, "and have been but poorly obeyed. I want to warn all Portsmouth employees, including housewives, to question any employees who are from Kentucky and ascertain if there is sickness in the home. If so, that case should be investigated, and if smallpox symptoms are present, the employee should be made to leave at once."

"The matter has been taken up with the Ohio State Board of Health and with the Kentucky State Board of Health, and we hope to have the quarantine laws more rigidly enforced over there," the Commissioner said.

According to Dr. Tatje, there are but two cases of smallpox in Portsmouth at present.

### West Virginia News Briefs

**HUNTINGTON**—Five nieces who reside in Sweden will receive \$1,500 each under the will of John Olson, who died here, it was announced by the administrator.

**ELKINS**—Albert Glenn was elected captain of the Elk's high school football team, by a unanimous vote of the 1923 players who received their letters.

**MOUNDSVILLE**—The new radio station to be operated in conjunction with Langhite Aviation field will be completed within the next three weeks. It was announced here by Captain A. E. Simonton, in charge of the landing place. The new masts to which the receiving wires are to be secured have been put up, and are many feet higher than the masts of the old station. Total cost of the erection of the new station will exceed \$15,000, Captain Simonton estimates. The great height of the new mast is expected to eliminate receiving troubles experienced in the past, due to climatic conditions.

**CHARLESTON**—The state child welfare commission will meet here

on January 16 to consider the final draft of the child welfare legislation, which it has recommended to the governor. The bill for bills embodying these recommendations are expected to be presented to the legislature during the latter part of the initial session.

**PARKERSBURG**—Abraham Zimmer, of Pittsburgh, was arrested here at 11 o'clock in the morning and in less than two hours later was serving a 30-day sentence on a charge of having moonshine liquor in his possession.

**MORGANTOWN**—William P. Wiley, professor of law at West Virginia university, died here at the age of 82.

#### Taxed The Costs

For parking his auto on the wrong side of Clay street, G. W. Mougey was taxed the costs under his plea of guilty in Municipal court.

Al. Adams, Offshore street baker, appeared and admitted leaving his auto standing in the street at night without lights burning but he claimed he was forced to abandon the machine where it was on account of faulty wiring. The case was continued for investigation.

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### SOCIETY

Mrs. B. R. Wright, of Peebles arrived last evening for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Oakes, 1726 Eighth street, during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wakefield, of Seventeenth street, will have as Christmas guests, the former's brother, Dr. R. E. Wakefield, who will arrive from Huntington, W. Va., and his mother, Mrs. May Wakefield, who will arrive tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Henderson, of the Keweenaw Apartments, will have as their Christmas guests, Mrs. Henderson's mother, Mrs. E. D. Shank of Ironton, and also Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Germond of Columbus.

Clarence (Shorty) Shultz, of Steubenville, but formerly of this city, is spending the holidays with home-folks. Mr. Shultz has a splendid position with the LaBelle Steel Company in Steubenville.

Ralph Doerr, who attends school at Tri-State, Angola, Indiana, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Doerr, 708 Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stivers and daughter, Evelyn, of Eighteenth street, will go to Cincinnati today, where they will be the guests of relatives and friends, until after Christmas.

Mr. George Owens, of 1105 Gallia street, will be the guest of relatives and friends in Parkersburg, W. Va., Christmas.

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## Ashland Girls Swamp P. H. S. Girls, 54 To 4

Displaying a superior brand of basketball, including rapid-fire passing and accurate basket shooting, the Ashland girls did not have much trouble in winning by a score of 54 to 4 from the P. H. S. lassies last night in Ashland. The Ashland girls play a game that would be a credit to some of the girls put up by teams of the opposite sex. They are all experienced players and when playing in their home gym are hard to stop. P. H. S. did win one honor when forward Dopps played her first year with the P. H. S. regulars shot a field basket. It was the first field goal recorded against the Kittens this year and they have played several good teams. The other two points made by the fouls were on free throws by Armstrong and Bell.

The P. H. S. girls used Armstrong and Dopps on the forward positions, Selby at center, and Phillips, Hopkins and Shields at guard.

### K. OF C. BOWLING LEAGUE

The War Horses romped over the Button Busters last evening, bowling 248, against 2053 of the opposition. This game marks the close of the first half of the season, with the Eureka leading the league. All games next season will be rolled on the Belmont Alleys.

#### Last Night's Results

War Horses	248	2053
L. Von Lubitz	164	203
W. Walters	107	117
Shedley	148	155
Balbert	147	144
Blind	110	110
Totals	676	729

Button Busters	2053	248
W. Von Lubitz	125	97
Whitmer	109	95
Stantle	142	138
Russell	224	226
Blind	110	110
Totals	711	666

### SELBY BOWLING LEAGUE

#### Last Night's Results

Tramps	159	172	113	444
Sagowitz	158	159	182	419
Seentel	110	136	142	388
Rollins	182	174	109	525
D. Reeg	102	176	141	419
Totals	771	817	697	2285

Put Makers	123	176	192	471
Stewart	123	145	148	416
McGowan	129	136	119	384
McCarthy	171	192	170	533
E. Sikes	104	109	202	535
Totals	746	798	861	2375

Wreckers	154	126	132	412
Buggles	164	180	206	550
Dull	147	157	148	452
Rapp	137	147	148	432
Wendell	153	178	164	495
Totals	777	778	798	2353

Apple Knockers	125	132	178	435
Gelger	138	100	183	421
Sheran	126	103	146	375
Merrill	128	158	137	423
Williams	178	166	141	485
Blind	100	125	100	325
Totals	690	704	785	2179

### DUCK PIN LEAGUE

#### TEAM STANDING

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
LeMaster Briggs	43	12	.782
Kelley-Knoet	40	15	.727
Mansfield-Lego	31	24	.565
Wolf-Lewis	28	27	.509
Pearson-James	27	28	.491
Hamm-McCoy	24	26	.480
Hadley-Davidson	22	31	.419
Glickert-Cooper	19	31	.380
Hughes-Mood	21	34	.385
Albertson-Morris	15	40	.273

#### Games Tonight

No game scheduled.

#### Last Night's Results

Pizes	101	104	121	134	92	551
LeMaster	151	102	141	121	108	623
Totals	252	206	262	254	200	1174
Davidson	88	81	111	142	83	505
Blind	100	100	100	100	100	500
Totals	188	181	211	242	183	1005

## Wheelerburg Beats Beaver

Wheelerburg high boys added another victory to their basketball laurels last night when they triumphed over the Beaver high school five in the former's gym by a score of 25 to 15. The game was witnessed by a good sized crowd.

The first half ended 8 to 3 in favor of W. H. S. The visitors not scoring a single field basket, making their points on free throws. W. H. S. made two field baskets and four fouls.

Compton and Hook played a steady game at forward for the victors, each making three field baskets, with Compton adding three on fouls.

Burke, a substitute, was in at guard for W. H. S. and he played a dandy game, keeping his forward under cover the entire game. In the

second half Compton of W. H. S. and Reislager of the visiting five were banished from the game on account of four personal fouls, Barney going in for Compton and Pyles for Reislager.

Trapp, forward, and Heisinger, center, were the stars for the Beaver team. Cahm and Edwards on the guard positions proved too slow for the fast moving W. H. S. forwards. The second half was fast and exciting, most of the scoring coming in this half of the battle.

The lineups and summary:

Schneider 1g Adams  
Substitutions—Barney for Compton  
Burke 1. Schneider 1. Barney 1.  
Foul goals—Compton 3, Trapp 3.  
Referee—Hansgen.

## Tournament Opens

The Merry Widow Tournament opened at the Play House last night, and promises to be a real event. Most of the boys seem to be enthused and are knocking the maples east and west. Frazier Davidson set up a nice score to shoot at, hitting them for 1151. Jimmy

sure was a warm member, hitting them for 643, as everybody knows that is excellent. Mike is a dandy bowler himself, but could not get going. Next in line are Bruno-Marple with 1114, which isn't bad at all. All the other boys were under 1100 but some were awfully close. Come boys it only takes a couple of 500 games to get into the money and anybody can do that well. The more entries the more prize money. If you don't do so good the first time come back with another partner and try again. Several of the boys have tried it but there is nothing unbeatable as yet. The tournament will last until Saturday next. The prize money will be divided into three divisions—50 per cent, 25 per cent and 25 per cent. Watch the papers daily for results. See Lee for particulars.

Below are scores that have been rolled.

#### Last Night's Results

Frazier	229	230	204	663
Davidson	165	169	155	489
Totals	394	399	359	1152
Bruno	190	183	201	574
Marple	182	186	172	540
Totals	372	369	373	1114

Leach	150	194	191	535
Frazier	108	194	106	528
Totals	318	388	297	1003
Leach	170	177	190	537
McCoy	174	182	167	523
Totals	344	359	357	1060

Doberly	197	167	160	524
Elisnaigie	146	149	100	455

Seniors Win	197	167	160	524
Elisnaigie	146	149	100	455

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## New Boston Hi Nosed Out

A close and exciting basketball game between the boys' fives of New Boston and Ashland hi schools played at Ashland last night resulted in a 15 to 11 victory for Ashland. Just five points separated the New Boston lads from victory and the four winning markers put over by Ashland were made in the last few seconds of play.

At the end of the first half the New Boston five was leading by a score of 7 to 3. The Ashland lads changed their system of play in the

last half and gave more attention to their scoring end than to guarding.

With the score showing first one team in the lead and then the other the Ashland Tomcats forged ahead in the last couple of minutes of play and held that lead until the end.

The New Boston five lined up as follows: Stratton and C. Lewis, forwards, H. Lewis, center, Counts, Bartlett and Mitch, guards.

Frank Kirk of the high school faculty accompanied the team in the absence of Coach Seavers and Prof. D. E. Ross.

## Michigan Loses Star In Kirk's Death

YPSILANTI, MICH., December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Bernard Kirk, star university of Michigan football player and chosen as an all-American end this year, died this morning at a hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident last Sunday. Kirk's skull was fractured.

Kirk, whose home was in this city, was injured when the automobile in which he was riding, crashed into a telephone pole. The injuries to his skull resulted in meningitis, which caused death. Eddie Usher, former Michigan varsity football player, and

captain of the Michigan 1921 baseball team, was in the automobile with Kirk, but escaped injury.

Kirk in addition to being chosen for all American teams this year, was selected as an end on the mythical all-conference and all-western eleven. He was regarded as one of the best flankers in the country during recent years, being especially adept in receiving forward passes.

Kirk's first college football was played with Notre Dame in 1919. In that year critics selected him for the all-western team. He entered Michigan in 1920, beginning his service on the varsity in 1921.

## Ruth Is Not Worried About Fences

NEW YORK, December 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Babe Ruth is coming from his farm in Sudbury, Mass., in a week or two to visit the Yankee's new stadium and bat a few drives over the fences just to prove that zoning rules for home runs would mean nothing to him.

In a letter to Colonel T. L. Huston, who is soon to retire as part owner of the Yankees, made public today the lambo says:

"I don't care where the fences are. I can hit 'em anywhere. I put the marks anywhere you like."

Babe added that he was working hard every day, was down to 210 pounds and still dropping.

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## Schedule Is Not Made Up

At the offices of the Whitaker-Glessner Company it was stated Friday that just what departments would be idle Christmas Day had not been definitely decided upon, but practically the entire plant would be idle.

## Volley Ball News

The captains of the teams and the officials of the Portsmouth league met last evening at the offices of the Bureau of Community service and discussed plans for the remaining series of games. The second half of the season will open Tuesday, January 2. All games will be played at Wilhelmette and the same regulations will be observed as have been in the past. One new ruling was made last evening, however, to the effect that all contests hereafter must be played in strict accordance with the regulations in the official book of rules. The following men were present at the meet last evening: Howland, Vandervort, Scott, Selby, and Davey and Frosty Williams.

The clever Leaders are living up to their name riding at the top of the league with a percentage of .922. The Saps come next with .708. The Phi Psi outfit and the Collis are on the bottom with .214 and .297.

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## EDDIE'S FRIENDS

## The Winner Stalls For Time



Totals	345	333	320	978
Frazier	182	159	183	524
Elisnaigie	181	138	126	445
Totals	363	297	309	969

Smith failed in his game battle for ability to penetrate Lynch's clever defense because of his in-

#### Seniors Win

Displaying superiority that is the result of long court experience the Senior class quintet of St. Mary's High School yesterday afternoon defeated the Freshmen of the same institution 34 to 16. A large crowd was in attendance.

## Lynch Wins

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Joe Lynch of New York successfully defended his world's bantamweight championship last night, receiving the judges' decision after a 15 round contest with Midget Smith, also of New York, at Madison Square Garden.

## SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER \$1.00

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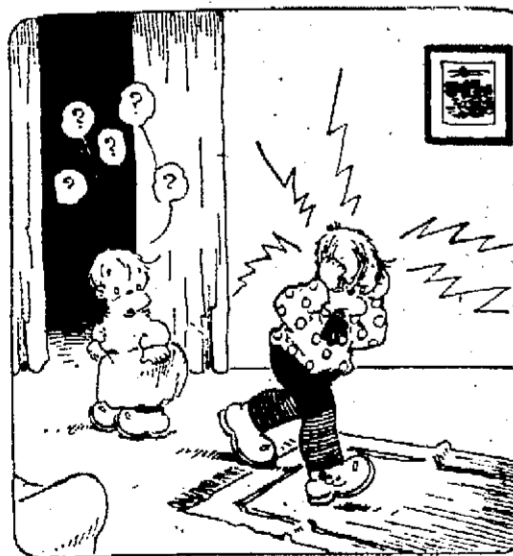
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## MR. HARDING GOES SHOPPING

It was the custom of the Caliph, Haroun-al-Raschid, according to legend, to go among his subjects in disguise and Napoleon frequently fraternized with groups of troopers without being recognized. The story is told of a young man named McArthur who was industriously "digging in" in a shellhorn sector of Flanders Field when he was recognized by a "buck," private, his only companion, as a major general, commander of the division. The other day Warren G. Harding went shopping unaccompanied and was recognized by no more than a dozen people. One young woman thought he was the president but was reassured when her companion said the figure going by just looked like the president.

One of the greatest disappointments in life is to find that a hero is made of common clay, and yet some one makes that discovery every day. Distinguished personages seldom possess a dominating personality or radiate an indefinable something that places them above the crowd, as is popularly supposed. They do not live withdrawn, with haloes over, or horns on, their heads. An obvious outward sign of inward power is a rarity.

In romances the heroine recognizes a king in an assembly because only the king wears a head-dress, or in some other manner of dress indicates superiority. James, Scotland's king, differed very little from the frequenters of his court. Great men, usually observed when surrounded with symbols of authority and as recipients of homage from the mass, attain a stature in popular imagination which they do not possess in fact.

Persons who achieve prominence, however, have qualities which are not reflected in their appearance. Many of the greatest men are normal physically and mentally, and are distinguished only because they have unlimited capacity for hard work and the power to concentrate and direct their energies towards the accomplishment of specified tasks.

## THEY NEED A NEWSPAPER

THE professor of political science at Syracuse University gave his students a test on current events the other day with results that may be considered either humorous or pathetic according to the point of view.

Questions were asked concerning 20 prominent men and a dozen timely topics, eliciting such gems of information as that Gifford Pinchot is a French interpreter now visiting the United States, a moratorium is a death notice in Germany, Ghandi is the Italian ambassador to the United States and Freudism is a German revolutionary party. The late Representative James R. Mann was described as a champion, billiard player. Coming from sixth or eighth grade school pupils such answers might be amusing. As measuring the stock of commonplace knowledge possessed by advanced students in a great university, young men who are specializing on the abstruse subject of political science, the replies are almost tragic. It is a wonder that the professor had the courage to give them to the world.

This showing will, of course, give great aid and comfort to that enemy of higher education, Thomas A. Edison. He will accept it as bearing out his contention that college students are weak in every-day useful knowledge. That would indeed seem to be indicated by this test, but it does not confirm his other contention that college training unfits young men for practical life. A half hour's or hour's reading of a good newspaper daily would fully supply the deficiencies so plainly shown. This reading should be supplemented by a brief talk by the instructor explaining the significance of the chief happenings in the news of the day. After a couple of weeks of such a course let the professor institute another test and he will be surprised at the different results, provided he has done his work well.

Most universities and colleges now have courses in "journalism," instruction in making newspapers. They might well have courses in journalism in another sense, the intelligent reading of newspapers. Only thus can they keep their instruction in such subjects as political science, history and economics fresh, vivid and up-to-date.

A man may make it a practice to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning, but he should not expect anybody to believe that he likes it.

Albert J. Beveridge deplores the tendency of the times. Any candidate who was so sure of coming back and failed naturally would.

The treasury will print currency on power instead of hand presses, but not with the European hope of making the output meet the demand.

After the Christmas cooking comes the January billing.

Funny about women. They always want a lot of clothes, yet wear so few.

Every time France rattles the saber Germany rattles the printing press.

When winter comes, arrival of the seed catalog cannot be far behind.

Andrew Carnegie is said to have had a fear of dying rich. Henry Ford is not troubled that way.

France might take over the visible supply of German marks and use them for stuffing mattresses.

## Ohio Princess Returns to America



Princess Anastasia, the Cleveland-born wife of Prince Constantine of Greece, is shown here arriving in New York on the Olympic with her royal husband.

## New York-Day-By-Day

BY O. O. MCINTIRE

NEW YORK, December 23.—In the night haunts they are known as "half-centuries." They charge \$50 for being companionable for the evening. They are registered with head-waiters who send for them when a lonesome stranger is seeking a touch of high life.

Their charm is in their vivacity and strangely enough in the language of Broadway they are "good girls." Not long ago a middle-westerner who has seen much of the world was invited by a friend to meet a motion picture star.

The star was to bring a friend. She came—a building creature and an adorable dancer. It was a harmless evening without a flirtatious moment—merely dining and dancing. When the middle-westerner, taxiing the lady home, she surprised him with: "Do you want to give me \$50 now or send a check?"

"For what?" he inquired. "For being your escort," was the reply—and in his chilliest voice he told her exactly what he thought of her technique as a gold digger. She left him in tears.

Then the story with a reverse angle. A New Yorker driving down the avenue in a luxurious car saw an exquisitely dressed girl on the corner. "Want a lift?" he called. She said she was only going to a hotel a few blocks away—but would be glad to go with him. He asked for her name and telephone number, which she gave.

Nearing the hotel he asked to put his card in her pocketbook. He opened her purse, closed it and said "Goodbye." In a friend's room she told of her experience. She opened her purse to find his card and found instead a crisp fifty dollar bill. She looked at it and then gasped. "For Heaven's sake, I gave him my wrong name and telephone number."

Bob Day's, the magazine editor, and Irvin S. Cobb were hunting on an island off the southern border recently. The inhabitants, decided to give a dinner to them and the mayor was called upon to act as toastmaker. In introducing Cobb, he said: "We have with us this evening a man whose name is a household word all over America. I take great pleasure in presenting Irvin S. Cobb."

I watched an intrepid young workman stand on a steel girder as it was being lifted from the street to the twenty-third story of a skyscraper being erected near Grand Central terminal. There was a sudden stop, the girder wavered and the youth teetered dangerously. When he returned to the ground I asked him what his sensation and thoughts were in such a moment. "I could only think of the cigarette that fell down out of my hand," he replied.

In one of the smart alec flipperies that a group of intellectuals have sponsored at an intimate theatre,

## Doc Koko's KOLUM

The Singers  
With blare of horns and crash of drums  
The Salvation Army brass band comes  
Tramping the streets in the bitter cold.  
Telling the story so often told  
Of Jesus' love for men.

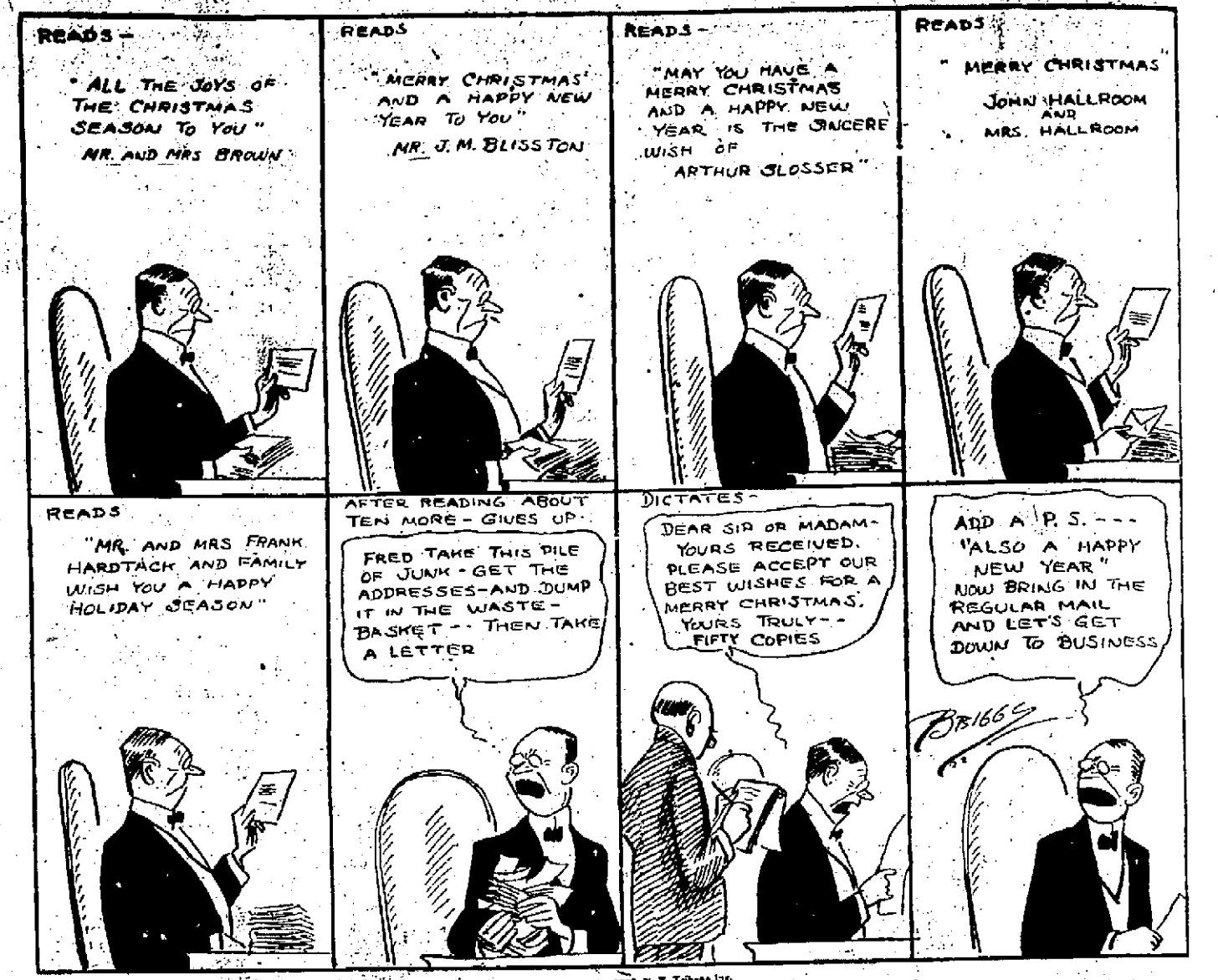
A dozen in sober cap and cloak,  
Women in modest cape and poke,  
A boy of ten with a new cornet.  
A girl in her teens who can't forget  
Her Savior's love for men.

Rough voices singing the old, old song  
Homely hearts lifted away from wrong.  
Valiant souls, their faith confessing,  
Pleading with all to share the blessing  
Of Jesus' love for men.

Christmas Eve in a dingy town.  
The wind is cold and the snow sifts down;  
Yet Christ is remembered by all who hear.  
The Army's singing has brought them near  
Their Savior's love for men.

Something Totally Different  
Suspicious Mistress: "Jessie, didn't I hear you talking to somebody?"  
Cook: "Yessum, reckon so."  
Mistress: "Haven't I told you repeatedly, Jessie, that you must never have any of your gentleman friends call here?"  
Cook: "Hee, hee, missus. How he will laugh when he learns dat! Lor' bless you, dat wasn't no gentleman friend. Dat was jus' mah wifless, no-count husband."

## MOVIE OF A MODERN SCROOGE READING HIS CHRISTMAS MAIL—BY BRIGGS



**In Old Missouri**  
In certain sections of Missouri the making of moonshine whisky is still the principal industry.  
A small native of this district was interestedly interrogating an Eastern commercial salesman, as being from another world, as to his life, connections, etc.  
"You got a brother?" he inquired.  
"I had one but he died," answered the salesman.  
"Get shot?"  
"No, he wasn't shot."  
"Drink himself to death?"  
"Certainly not."  
"I knowed you was a liar," exclaimed the boy triumphantly.  
"Them's the only two ways what anybody ever dies."

**Over There**  
Gob in the Lookout: "Land ho!"  
Officer: "Where, away?"  
Gob: "Hell of a way."  
Officer: "Br-r-r-r."

**Reporting to Davy Jones**  
Sam, on board the transport, had just been issued his first pair of hob-nails.  
"One thing, eschew," he ruminated.  
"If Ah falls overboard, Ah suttily will go down at 'tensionus."

**At Palm Beach**  
Said mother to daughter:  
"Show good form, dear, down at the water."  
I heard just today  
In a roundabout way  
She really showed more than she'd oughter.

**Relation of Miss Liberty?**  
(Notice from the Mannington, W. Va., Evening Leader.)  
"A meeting of the executive committee of local chapter, A. R. C., will be held at headquarters, Water street Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Miss Washington, D. C., will be present."

**Veritas**  
Country folks call them kitchen-cats; city folks call them kitchen-cats; honest folks are getting to call them breweries.

**GOOD MANNERS**  
FOR a first formal call, 15 to 20 minutes is about the right time to stay. Later calls may be extended to 45 minutes. A friendly call may last an hour, even an hour and a half. Calls of inquiry, information or condolence never should be prolonged beyond the necessities of the purpose for which they are made.

**He Lost**  
"I bet a fellow five dollars I'd kiss you tonight."  
"Sorry, but I can lend you the five if you're broke."

## EVERETT TRUE

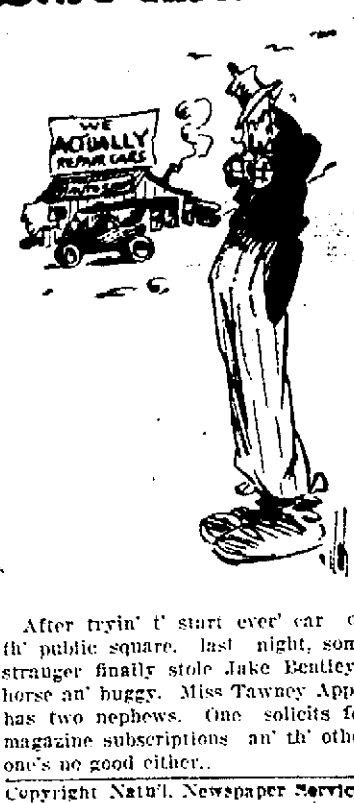
## BY CONDO



## Sort o' So-So, Altogether

Doctor: "How do you do today?"  
Caller: "Pretty well—fer me."  
"How are all the folks?"  
"Pretty well—considering."  
"Anything new in your section?"  
"Well, no—nothin' very. 'Spose you heard ole Aunt Jabbie was dead?"  
"No, I hadn't. She must have died suddenly."  
"Well—yes. Kinda sudden—fer her."

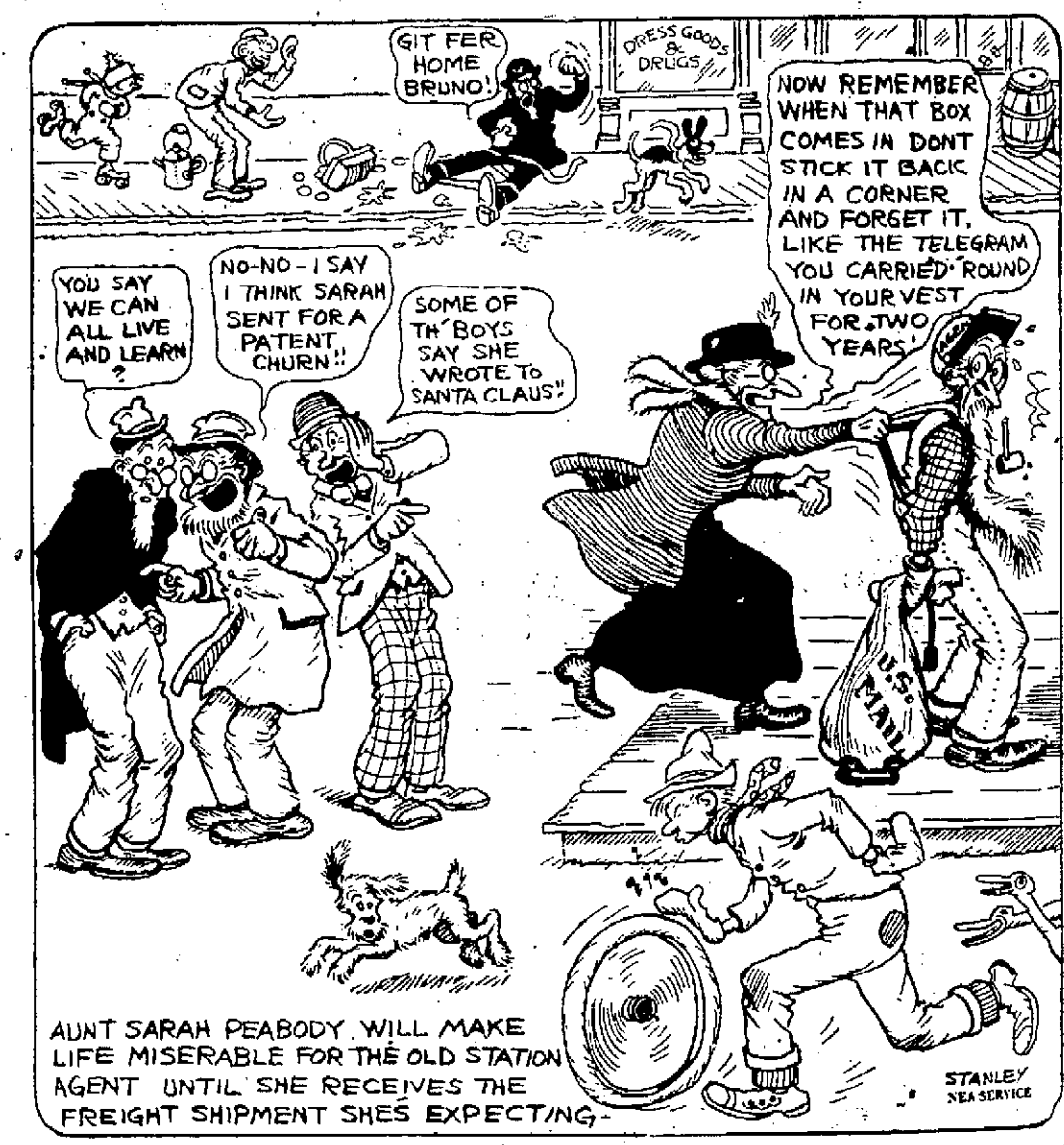
## Ebe Martin



After tryin' t' start ever' car on th' public square, last night, some stranger finally stole Jake Bentley's horse an' buggy. Miss Tawney Apple has two nephews. One solicits for magazine subscriptions an' th' other one's no good either.  
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## THE OLD HOME TOWN

## BY STANLEY



AUNT SARAH PEABODY WILL MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR THE OLD STATION AGENT UNTIL SHE RECEIVES THE FREIGHT SHIPMENT SHE'S EXPECTING.

## POLLY AND HER PALS

## Looks Like Pa'll Have To Ask Santa Claus To Bring Him Some Margin BY CLIFF STERRETT

